

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:45
ANSWERED ON:26.07.2000
PRODUCTION OF PULSES
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether per hectare production of pulses in the country is less than that of countries like China and Australia;
- (b) if so, the details thereof alongwith reasons therefor; and
- (c) the measures taken/proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI NITISH KUMAR)

(a) to (c) : A statement is laid on the Table of the Sabha.

THE STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (c) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO 45 DUE FOR REPLY ON 26.07.2000.

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The production of pulses per hectare in India, China and Australia from 1995 to 1997 is given below:

Country	Production in Kgs./ha.		
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	1995	1996	1997
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India	567	537	587
China	1409	1610	1478
Australia	1172	1227	1065

The per hectare production of pulses in country is less than the countries like China and Australia because of several constraints in production of pulses such as :

1. Cultivation of pulses in marginal/submarginal lands under rainfed situations.
2. Pulses are highly prone to a number of pests & diseases.
3. Minimal Input application.
4. Cultivation of pulses is less remunerative than that of cereals and commercial crops. The farmers, therefore, divert the better lands and resources for the cultivation of such crops.

(c) To enhance the production and productivity of pulses in the country, the Government of India brought pulses under the Technology Mission in 1990. A scheme of National Pulses Development Project is being implemented for this purpose. Under the scheme, assistance is being provided for critical inputs like production and distribution of certified seeds, seed minikits, rhizobium culture, sprinkler sets, improved farm implements etc. Besides this, field demonstration and farmers training are also being organised for the transfer of improved production and protection technologies to the farmers field for increasing the production and productivity of pulses in the country.